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VOLGA TO GET ELECTRIC BEACONS;  
IMPROVE RADIO, TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT

GORKIY AREA GETS 250 BEACONS -- Vechernyaya Mskva, No 110, 10 May 50

Previously, beacon lighters have had to take their boats up the river every day at nightfall in order to light the kerosene beacon lights. This year, for the first time, electric beacons are being set up along the Volga. Each beacon has a miniature turbine and dynamo. These minute hydroelectric stations will be operated by the water current. In the near future, 250 electric beacons will be installed in the Gorkiy area alone. The beacon lighters have taken special courses in the care of electrical equipment.

DEMAND INCREASES FOR VV-662 RADIO RECEIVERS -- Izvestiya, No 113, 13 May 50

The VV-662 four-band radio receivers which are being produced by the Tallin Punane Ret Plant are enjoying a wide reputation. Letters expressing high appreciation of the sets have come from Sverdlovsk, Tashkent, Vladivostok, Minsk, and many other cities throughout the country. Demand for the receivers is so great that in one year the plant increased output several times.

The VV-662 is a mains receiver. Plant designers have now worked out plans for a new battery receiver which is very economical. It is small, beautifully designed, and inexpensive. The plant has named it the Kolkhoznny because it can be used where there are no electric lines.

MAKES COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR FACTORIES -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 104,  
1 May 50

Communications equipment for directing production is being produced by the Leningrad Telephone Plant. Equipment of this type is used in many enterprises throughout the country. It may be seen in Kuznetsk, Sakhalin, Moscow, and Stalingrad, both in small enterprises and in the largest automobile and tractor plants in the country.

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This year the Leningrad plant is putting out a number of new items, four of which have already been produced. Improvements in technology have contributed much toward an increase in labor productivity and a reduction in production cost of the items.

PLEDGES GREATER OUTPUT OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 93, 7 May 50

The Leningrad Krasnaya Zarya Plant has mastered production of the most modern dial telephone exchanges. The plant is initiating competition for above-plan output during the second half-year. After a careful study of production capacities, it was decided that the enterprise, with a negligible increase in manpower and stocks of materials, could put out 14 percent more equipment than planned for the period. This will be accomplished by increasing labor productivity. The plant has also pledged to get 20 percent of the necessary quantity of materials from very stringent savings in all production sections.

DEVELOPS NEW AUTOMATIC WELDING MACHINES -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 111, 11 May 50

The Leningrad Elektrik Plant has recently put out a machine for seam welding with a capacity of 150 kilovolt-amperes. It has a special regulating device, which makes it possible to set up the best methods for welding each of the different metals.

The plant has also been sending a number of other new welding machines to machine-building enterprises. These include automatic and semiautomatic hose machines for arc welding under a coating of flux. Their productivity is from 10-60 meters of seam per hour. The plant is also developing, for high-speed spot welding, machines equipped with an electronic time regulator.

A number of large-series items have been transferred to continuous production. This has cut labor consumption 2-3 times.

PRODUCES NEW HIGH-VOLTAGE MOTORS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 112, 13 May 50

The Plant imeni Vladimir Il'ich has produced new types of powerful high-voltage electric motors.

SUGGESTIONS SAVE OVER MILLION RUBLES -- Pravda, No 121, 1 May 50

Suggestions made by rationalizers at the Sevkabel' Plant during the past 4 months have resulted in a saving of more than a million rubles.

PUT PERSONAL GUARANTEE STAMP ON ASSEMBLED GOODS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 110, 10 May 50

Many workers in the receiving-amplifying radio-tube shop of the Moscow Electric Bulb Plant have been given the right to put their stamp of personal guarantee on items which they assemble. Even in the assembly of the most complex type of tubes, the figure for damaged goods is remarkably low.

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